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## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: George N. VAKANAS et al. Conf.: 7944

Appl. No.: 09/205,207 Group: 1724

Filed: December 4, 1998 Examiner: I. CINTINS

For: METHOD AND PRODUCTS TO ABSORB OIL AND ORGANIC SOLVENTS FROM WATER AND FROM SEA

SMALL ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM  
FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.
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Petition for one or more extensions of time filed under 7 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or the extension of time.

No fee is required.

Checks in the amount of \$0.00 are enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 7 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPLICANT: George N. VALKANAS et al. CONF. NO.: 7553  
SERIAL NO: 09/265,297 GROUP: 1724  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 22, 2001  
(Monday)

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 20, 2001, the period for responding having been extended one month to October 20, 2001 (a Saturday), the following amendments and remarks are made in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

28. The ~~product~~ according to claim 27, wherein the polymer is polystyrene, SBS, or elastomer SBR.

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